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Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

It is with a deep, may the deepest feeling of regret, that I prepare this last copy of "Bottom." I have laughed at you and with you. The school year is over; many of you will never again return to the Academy. Many of you will enter college. For nine long months we have been thrown together constantly, and we may never meet again. Under these circumstances I can only say: Good Riddance.



Blue LaRue

In keeping with the school's present "progressive" policy I present the latest work of that crusading poet, Billy Vaughan:

The cells are empty;
The light filters in;
The bars I do rip,
And the wind through them moans.
Where is the sentry?
Is the World at an end?
No! The Head's on a trip,
And all's right with the world.

Bob (Amphibicus) Parrish sure likes potato salad; in fact he collects it.

News from other schools: Mary Helen Hubbard has begun work on a dictionary . . . Lovell, the Bell Weevil got an A rating on his car when the cops stopped it. A stands for Aughta be junked . . . Now it can be told: To R.L.S. All this year every day at 11:45 A.M. Bob Brown has eaten a raw carrot in the Honor Room, and you didn't catch him . . . Dickie (Informant) Miller had a mental breakdown when his phone was out of order for 20 minutes . . . I can't understand why so many boys who can't swim take dates to Willow Plunge. There's nothing to see in Franklin . . . Noel made a hole-in-one and attributes his good luck to extensive practice . . . Moon drug store's noontime rush slacks off as Fess Rule strolls in for cigars . . . Coach Allen drains moat in preparation of closing school for summer. Among missing articles recovered were: 2 shirts, one jalopy, a cannon loaded with grape shot, a truck load of J. T.'s old bottles, and three boys . . . Mrs. Campbell allows only students with required reading in the library. Students now required to read Popular Science for English . . . Although unknown to Mr. Sager—the school has had senior privileges for month . . . In closing I want to remind you that Library News is here for all of you lucky boys to read and enjoy.

TO OUR TEACHERS

This is not a clever verse,
We tried and tried but just got worse;
We're just saying in stumbling speech,
Thanks a million, and God bless you each.

—Class of '48.

Junior-Senior Picnic Hilarious Event; Boys Find Food Very Tasty

For as many years as any one cares to remember the MBA Juniors have hosted the Senior class to a picnic, held in the park, strictly a stag affair. This year the food was well taken care of by Andy Spickard who collected it all and even managed to get his mother and a few of her friends to help out.

After arriving at the picnic grounds almost at once some of the boys wanted to play ball but were disappointed to find that no ball had been provided. So while waiting for the softball an attack was led by Bob Parrish who retreated to the creek. All went well until something snapped inside of Goodloe. Then this terrorist and his gang swept down upon the defenseless weaker lads; some were sprayed with horrible, sticky coles; others went swimming; still others were strolling about without benefit of their pants.

It was not until these battered children retired to the river to clean up that the group discovered Bob Parrish's Franklin has been scuttled and had sunk in the Harpeth. Rallying to the occasion everyone heaved until the car was high and dry. Goodloe again led his gang on the dryer looking of the bunch. Another trip to the river again found Parrish in the drink this time the car was covered with mud as well as water. Again the group lifted him out. Not until Parrish, was on his way back to town did anyone dare to carry on the wars for fear that Franklin would perish with Parrish aboard.

Edwards and Bauer To Represent Classes At Commencement

The annual declamation contest was held recently and was a tremendous success. The three winners in each of their respective groups will represent their classes at the commencement exercises. Mrs. E. C. Duke, Mrs. J. C. Rule, and Mrs. Terry, being the judges were faced with a difficult task, but after much deliberation finally decided on the winners.

In the Junior School Jackie Duncan won over Bob Franklin and Jimmy Pellettieri. All of the boys knew and gave their speeches well and are to be commended.

The Freshmen-Sophomore Contest very close and the number of declaimers was the largest. Harold Bauer won the decision while John Hollins and Dick Carpenter tied for second. The other participants who also did well were Bobby Hackman, Jim Henley, and Lem Stevens.

In the Junior-Senior Contest each boy had a 50-50 chance of winning had the winner been chosen by drawing a name from a hat. Representing the Junior Class was Wilbur Creighton, and for the Senior Class was Billy Edwards. After a close decision Edwards was named the victor.

It was not with a deep feeling of regret that the students left the area, but rather with the thought that it was good to get out while the getting was good. The boys must have enjoyed it as many were not at school the next day.

Class News

Grade School News

The Microbes played Duncan Freshmen Saturday the 15th, from 1 to 4 P. M.
The Microbes will depend heavily on "Parson" Austin, "Bugs" Bunyan, "Duncan" (Duncan that is), Polite Pellettieri, Big Bonehead Brooks, and Dicky (un-nameable) Mcran.

Watch out for Mugsy!
The class is thinking about buying limpy a wheelchair.

Country was called by a mysterious girl from Burton asking to be taken to the Burton dance. Burton apparently has an escaped asylum inmate.

Who is Stinky?
Jimmy Sweeney has complained that his name has not appeared in the paper enough. Jimmy Sweeney, Jimmy Sweeney, Jimmy Sweeney, Jimmy Sweeney, Jimmy Sweeney, Enough Schikels?

A new form of baseball has been invented by the first formers. All the rules and regulations are the same except a tennis racquet and ball is used.

One of the 1st forms is leaving us. His name, Jed Powers, his rating is tops with the girls, especially with Mr. Hackman's daughter. The question is who will take his place? Could it be Bobby Nichols? or has he got too many now. Jed is moving to Miami Beach, Florida. I guess he won't have any trouble finding another girl there considering his previous record.

Due to circumstances beyond my control all events seem to be at a standstill. Thus this column must end.

Freshman News

We Fresh have tears in our eyes. The end of school is here, and our grad's are all twenty-five. (This is with the exception of Bob Edmunds who surely must have a 99 average.)
The lunch room has been losing

money all year. Because of Willie Gunther's reducing place he refuses to eat any lunch.

Here is a little piece of conversation overheard in Fess Ferril's Algebra class the other day.

F. F.: Austin, are you trying to teach this class?

P. F.: Why, no sir.

F. F.: Then quit talking like a fool.

Bob Chatter intends to better his .550 batting average when playing baseball this summer. Speaking of baseball, congrats to Jimmy Ray for doing that fine job on the Varsity.

What's that noise in the corner of 2d period English class? Tell us Carpenter, what is it?

Fox is going to fight hard to keep his position of "Most valuable player of the Gilbert League". Charlie Rolfe and Ernest Rice are planning to spend their summer in Demerit Study Hall.

And now, a final farewell. Even though Dillard Adams, John Napier and a few other boys will be back with us, we still hope to have the same good class.

Wiley objected to the fact that his name is in "Freshman News"—We now state, "Wiley is not a freshman, he just acts that way."

Sophomore News

When you read this news, it will be as old. Well all (almost) the Sophomores say he may not pass. (He started reviewing the first of January), but as John Pogue always said, "Fail early and avoid the rush." But every one is studying hard. B. I. King even took his books home. Billy Bradford said he used them to sit on when he drove the car. Mack Dixon plans to go to his old Kentucky Home for the summer. All he can talk about are the beautiful horses and fast women. Goler got a job in a brewery this summer. Says he is getting alcohol for half price. Lots

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Mr. Sager Presents Senior Class, Eighth Graders With Diplomas

Key Club Elects Officers; Plans Next Year's Work

In a regular meeting of the Key Club the officers for the next year were chosen. Vernon Sharp was almost unanimously selected to preside as president for next year. Assisting him will be Vice-President Don Wade. Buzz Davis was elected to the office of secretary; and Andy Spickard, treasurer. Wilbur Creighton will be the senior representative on the board of directors, and Billy Bryan will be the junior one. Of course the sophomore representative has not yet been chosen and will not be until the new members from the sophomore class are selected for membership in the Key Club this fall.

Under the capable direction of these boys the Key Club is looking forward to a grand year of work and achievement. Almost every boy in the M.B.A. Key Club attended one of the two Key Club conventions, District Convention at Bristol or International Convention at Memphis; and many attended both. They came back with a new Key Club spirit and enthusiasm for achievement.

The following is a preview of a few Key Club projects for the next year. The lighting of the steps in the front of the building is one of first projects under consideration. Many complaints have been voiced by patrons to our athletic contests because of the unlighted approach. The building of a special bulletin board for Key Club announcements is already being undertaken. This would keep the whole school as well as the Key Club members informed as to its activities. The Key Club will try to increase school spirit by staging pep rallies and stunt nights. Another project will be the polishing and bringing to student attention of the numerous trophies won by the school. The Key Club will keep the school informed of its activity through articles in the paper next year. Money will be raised for these projects through concessions at tennis and basketball.

The retiring officers are Walter Noel, Sr., president; Al Williams, vice-president; Vernon Sharp, secretary; Bernard Wharsh, treasurer.

ALUMNI NEWS

By Vernon Sharp

Of note among the activities of our Alumni are the coming trips of several of the members of the N.R.O.T.C. unit at Vanderbilt. BILL CALTON, GEORGE COLE, and BILL OTTENVILLE, all of the class of '47, plan to go to Europe this summer, while VADEN LACKEY (from the Princeton unit) will proceed to the Pacific.

Outstanding among the social activities of Nashville are the forthcoming marriages of several of M. B. A.'s former students. The engagement of Frank Blair, '43, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hayes has recently been announced. Also, to be solemnized in September is the marriage of Joe Card, '46, and Miss Annabelle Gayden.

Making musical history at Vanderbilt as members of the TENNESSEE DEWDROPS are three Academy Alumni, TEDDY DILLON, '47, NELSON BRYAN, '43, and NELSON ANDREWS, '45.

Congratulations to SIDNEY KEEBLE, JR., and JOHN BARTON who were recently tapped for

June 5 is the date set for commencement exercises this year. Many Junes have seen many boys leave M. B. A. hill to enter college or business. In both fields the Academy has seen her boys become outstanding. This spring we again feel Montgomery Bell is graduating a class well equipped for the adventure of adult life. The Senior Class Roll includes:

John Ambrose, Bill Bailey, Bobby Bainbridge, Bobby Brown, George Carpenter, Harry Corson, Bobby Davis, Ridley Derryberry, Billy Edwards, George Engel, Bob Eell, Woods Foster, Bob Fulton, Tommy Goodloe, Bobby Hailey, John Haselton, Billy Howard, Thomas Kennedy, Gordon Long, Bill McMurray, Ed Nelson, Walter Noel, Jimmy Paris, John Rodgers, Robert Swaney, Billy Vaughan, Bill Wade, Jake Wallace, Bunmy Werthan, Fred Wiggs, David Wiley, Al Williams, Billy Womack, Edwin Pas-glenn, J. B. Hibbett, Bob McFall.

To begin the commencement exercises Walter Noel will pronounce the invocation; then will follow the Salutatory address by Bunmy Werthan and the speeches by the winners of the declamation contest: Junior school, Jack Duncan; third and fourth forms, Harold Bauer; fifth and sixth forms, Billy Edwards. After the speeches there will be awards; awards in the languages, Latin, Spanish and French; awards in history, mathematics, science, and English; awards for public speaking. Aside from these "highest grade" awards are honors even more coveted: The Howard Allen Award to the outstanding boy of the junior school, The Martin award to the outstanding high school boy, the Honor Medals in each form, and perhaps most significant of all the School Spirit award.

After this certificates will be presented to the junior school graduates. Members of the eighth grade class will be honored.

James Anderson, Don Auston, Jackie Duncan, Bob Lance, Dicky Moran, James Pellettieri, Philip Powell, Bill Rhodes, Ray Scott, George Smart, James Sweeney.

Then comes the highlight of any graduation, the awarding of the well-earned diplomas. To reminisce on the high school years will be Valedictorian, Al Williams. Bill Wade will say the Benediction.

O.D.K. at Vanderbilt. Keep up the good work, boys!

Among M.B.A.'s former students in the musical field are BROWNLEE CURREY and NEIL CRAIG, who as members of a four-piece band, are making quite a name for themselves at Vandy.

On the sports scene at V.U.: KERMIT STENGEL, '47, has just been named as number one man on the Freshman team; ED MADRUX, '41, at the recent spring football practice, was seen doing a swell job of tackle, while HOOPER HUGGINS, '44, was out for varsity manager; BOBBY WALKER an outstanding member of the '47 golf team, was seen recently touring the links at the Belle Meade course.

Among the group of M.B.A.'s most outstanding tennis stars who are members of the Nashville Tennis Club are JOE DAVIS, '37, and RICHARD SHILLINGLAW, '39. Sincere congratulations are due Joe, who was recently elected president of the club.

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FOUR KEYS TO A BETTER M.B.A.

We of the paper staff, feeling that we represent the student body more than any other organ in school, feel it our duty to present at least once a year some suggestions for improving the school. While we feel sure that many of our suggestions are impractical and that others would hinder instead of help, we think that there is no progress without ideas and no progress without mistakes.

1—The passing grade at M.B.A. should be lowered from 75 to 65 or 60. At first this sounds like a rash statement; there are, however many advantages of a lower passing mark. As a matter of fact it makes it easier on student and teacher. From the teacher's point of view it is simpler to make a test which covers more material and is more difficult without worrying so much over the student's ability to pass. The teacher can gain a more representative grade, because a harder test truly separates the strong students from the weak. From the students point of view this passing mark is better for two reasons. When a student makes an extremely low grade for some carelessness or even for lack of study, he has more chance to pull his grade into the passing group if he is industrious enough to put a bit time toward his study. It also gives the ambitious student incentive to study with hopes of making five or ten points higher than the next fellow rather than one or two. A student is not so likely to leave a test feeling that he could have done just as well with an hour's less study. Then too an average of ninety-five will mean much more to a college if the passing average is lower, since they probably figure that a certain number of boys must pass; therefore the work will have been more difficult at the school requiring the lower average.

2—The school must maintain its education for the Honor System. This system is truly one of the thing that most exemplifies the ideal of becoming gentlemen at M.B.A. But it can not be maintained unless the boys are kept interested in it and made to see its value. With this year's graduating class much of the spirit of the system will be lost. The feeling which was instilled in M.B.A. boys with the conception must be rejuvenated or the idea must eventually lose all meaning. This is the duty of both the student body and the faculty.

3—The demerit system should be revised. As it stands the demerit system does little to curb ill-conduct in school. One reason is that the boys rebel against all restraint. Another is that they don't care. Still another is that they feel that they always get away with more than they are punished for. We have always felt that the system is bad; yet we have never been able to present a better plan. Perhaps it would improve the situation if along with the six weeks grade the teacher sent in a conduct report stating either satisfactory or unsatisfactory and if unsatisfactory explaining why. This report would be forwarded to the parents with the various complaints. Too many offences would result in first conference of student, headmaster, and parent. If this did not do any good the boy would be discharged from school.

5—Improved lab equipment would expedite work both in Chemistry and Physics. A more complete set of chemicals is needed before the boys can gain all that is to be gained by lab work.

Fitts To Head 48-49 Bell Ringer

We are proud to announce that Henry Fitts is to be the editor of the Bell Ringer for the coming year.

Chosen by Mr. Rule, the faculty advisor, upon Editor Werthan's recommendation, Fitts is expected to follow successfully in the footsteps of the retiring editor, Bernard Werthan, Jr.

Working on the paper for the first time this year, Henry as recognized for his ability and punctuality. It was his responsibility and earnestness that helped greatly in compiling the issues this past year. With the backing of the rest of the capable staff, the paper should have the best year yet.



HENRY FITTS

It Isn't Done—The Old Type of Wooing

As I pondered over the subject of this forced essay, my mind wandered to the thought of women and to the ways of wooing them down through the ages. I fully realize that this being leap year, the women's thoughts (?) are turned to tactics of catching men and keeping same. All women seem to have the foolish idea that they are equal to men; and therefore they should be allowed equal privileges in matters concerning emotion. To squelch this desire of an uprising in his ludding stages, I have written this brief scientific reminder of the days when women had power.

—The Author.

In the beginning, whether by evolution or by divine creation I will not go into for fear of starting something I cannot finish, women were the ruling factor of the world. They ran the household, fought the wars, argued with the boss, brought home the bacon, beat their husbands, and did all the other odds and ends that were customary for the head of the family to do. In matters of love she would select her desire, club him, and beat off all the others who tried to take the prize away from her. By the way, sometimes they hit their husbands too hard; consequently they lost many good boys who would have made grand housekeepers. As always, down through the ages, there have been fewer men than women, which naturally caused some very exciting battles. These skirmishes took heavy toll of both women, who clubbed each other's noses through the back of their respective heads, and men, who were many times trampled to death in the heat of battle. Also many women, after having lost a terrific battle, took out their pent-up emotions on any poor man who happened to be innocently standing by. This resulted in a very high percentage of deaths because the peo-

ple of that day did not have the advantage of penicillin and sulfa drugs as do the men of our day. As one can easily comprehend, these deaths lead to a rapid decline in civilization. This decline continued, until man had become an almost extinct creature and woman spent all her time fighting over the few remaining men. All those men who were left got together and built an arc into which they gathered a few good-looking women and many flea-bitten animals. The flood, that came through either divine intervention or good chance, wiped out all the excess women and, at last, put the men in power. While still afloat, they all made a gentleman's agreement which decided that for the preservation of mankind and for the good of future generations, man would be allowed to run things as he saw fit. From that day civilization began to arise slowly out of the animal state and began to use more of the brain and less of the brawn.

At present men dominate nearly all the factors of life including the problem of courting. Instead of standing toe-to-toe and splattering each other's brains over the surrounding countryside as the ancient women did, the modern man hires a "gorilla" to take care of nasty affairs; or perhaps he will run down his competitor with his new "Supersonic Eight." This means of extermination is much cheaper.

These great advancements in civilization have come about as a result of much thought and deliberation by the greater minds of this world. I present this as a warning to all women. If you feel an urge to crush your lover's fingers into pulp, stop! Resist your impulse to stab these students. Remember those dark days before the invention of the atom smasher, jet propulsion, nuclear fission, and the spinner yo-yo. Think, and through your enlightenment of mind, which, I am told, will strike you like a bolt of lightning, resolve to never again cut off your boy-friends ears to make necklaces. Stamp out your desire of uprising and be glad that we will never again return to "Those Good Old Days."

—Billy Vaughan

Nancy W.: "Men are all alike."
Jane W.: "Yeah—men are all I like, too."

Charlie Hawkins: "Is this dog good for rats?"

Morrissey: "Yes, he's splendid for rats."
Some time later.

Hawkins: "I've had this dog six weeks and he hasn't touched a rat. I thought you said he was good for rats."

Morrissey: "Well, that's splendid for rats."

Coach: "I'll take another bottle of that cough syrup."

Druggist: "Some one sick at your house?"

Coach: "No."

Druggist: "Then what do you buy all this cough syrup for?"

Coach: "I like it on my pan-



Bill Price: "What use would you have for a trunk?"

Mary Helen: "I'd put my clothes in it."

Price: "What? And go around naked?"

Fox: "Say my aunt can play the piano by ear."

McDaniel: "Oh, that's nothing. I have an uncle who fiddles with his whiskers."

"Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

Well, it's springtime once more and we're expecting Ridley Derryberry to be one of the first to start that outdoor life—fishing, etc.

The college boys have all got a jump on us with W-B. and Vandy both getting out a week earlier than we do.

"Chariots of Gold," says Timothy.

"Silver Wings," says Elaine;

"A ride in a Lincoln with Andy for me," says Jane.

Atom bombs couldn't keep me from just saying, "Maggie."

Which calls to mind the fact that Bob McPail (who went home from the Junior-Senior Picnic in a barrel) has been in a sweat since yours truly and one or two others have been divulging his secrets.

The picnic was capital, although Bob Parrish did not think so. Here's hoping the next one will be as good. Wilbur Creighton and Andy Spickard seemed to be the main cogs in setting things up.

Did everyone notice the fancy white sweaters and other swanky tennis apparel sported by Inman (I. J.) Fox and "Paity" J. J. Hooker while the girls' tennis tourney was being held? We don't think Vernon Sharp was selling "cokes" just for Key Club spirit, either! Coach asked some pointed questions at that tourney, too. Result: Blackard has been in hiding several weeks.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for the Prom. The stars fell on M. B. A. that night, all right. Bill Bailey and his date didn't seem to enjoy it much, though; they stayed outside most of the time.

Congratulations, Harry! Next year's tennis squad looks mighty promising even without its mainstays, Harry and Gordon.

You'd better start campaigning for Senior Privileges now, Juniors!

Ken Goodpasture made quite a nice talk in assembly. Always glad to hear from alumni.

Coach has been buying up cigars for months—Bet it's a boy!

Hope the Bell is a success—Business Manager, Walter Noel had to cut himself down to three dates a week-end to get the ads finished up. Mr. Hackman ran an ad for his new fish market. Was Mr. Bob Rule right about that classic experiment, Fess?

A paper wouldn't be complete without kidding Bill Wade, and Joan Bush, who may consider this number complete.

Roving Reporter

Since this is the last issue of the 1948 Bell Ringer, we thought that asking how the paper could be improved might be a good idea. By knowing what the students liked or disliked about the publication this year would help in editing next year's copy. Therefore the question was "how can we improve the Bell Ringer?"

Joe White: "I think that there are not enough pictures in the paper. Often when stories tell about people or sports events a picture would be more interesting than a group of words. Also the cartoons are not funny enough."

Dickie Miller: "In the first place the paper ought to come out on time, so that the news won't be so stale. More Sports should be written up and there should be more columns telling about the students. One thing that should be left out is dull news stories telling things that we all know."

Bill Price: "The editorials should deal with problems around school, not world events."

Bill Estes: "Not enough personal mention about students; other papers devote sometimes as much as two pages to little incidents that happen around school. Sometimes the paper is inclined to be too much on the serious side; for example, after a speaker talks in assembly the paper devotes 3 or 4 hundred words just telling what he said when everybody heard the talk."

Bob Boner: "The date when the paper comes out should be more regular, say every 3 or 4 weeks. This way the news wouldn't have lost all its interest."

Houston Horn: "I like it fine."

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By RASCOE DAVIS

Congratulations to . . . Jimmy Morrissey, who is the unofficial "King of Swat" of the Nashville Interscholastic League. Jimmy has hit a red-hot 880 for the season—championship batting in any league . . . Bob Veach and Bill Wade for the no-hitters and one-hitters they have pitched . . . Jimmy Morris for having been selected as a member of the final weekly all-Nashville baseball team . . . Harry Corson for sweeping the Nashville Interscholastic tournament without the loss of a set . . . Andy Spickard and Jake Wallace for their victory in the doubles of the tennis tournament . . . Fontaine McDaniel for being elected Mr. Steeles of 1948.

It is becoming more and more evident that Harry Corson is not just an outstanding local junior tennis player, but an outstanding Southern junior netter as well. His victory over Al Morrissey, ranked third in the Southern boys last year, in the Vanderbilt Invitational is proof enough of this.

The Maroon golf team finished the season Monday, May 23 with a 17½ to ½ victory over North High. This gave the team a final standing of four won and four lost. Although this is by no means spectacular, if we consider the standings of the previous years it is well above average.

Adding a little color to campus life was the girls' Interscholastic Tournament Surprise of this year: was Martha Evers, who upset two seeded players to gain the finals where she was beaten by Dot Hicks 6-1, 6-2. (See E. F. for further details.)

MBA Students Cop High Honors In Boys' Hobby Fair

In the display building at the Fair Grounds, on May 1-3, the Rotary Club of Nashville held their annual Boys' Hobby Fair.

In the M.B.A. corner were displays of collections, crafts, and projects. Although handicapped by the lack of equipment and facilities, the M.B.A. display came through with top honors when the ribbons and medals were awarded. Two boys, Bobby Graham and George Kirkpatrick, won special gold medals and were entertained by the Rotary Club at a luncheon as a reward for their outstanding achievement.

Boys awarded blue ribbons were: Deck, Brown, and Black. Those winning second prize red ribbons were: Sweeney, Adams, Trimble, Fitts, Cantrell, Fox, Glen, Cooper, Morton, Henley, Chickiey, Madden, Todd and Brent.

White ribbons went to: Adams, Cherry, Trimble, Howell, Templeton, Cooper, Seeley, Moates, Ray, Deck, Morton, Hardcastle and Hackman.

Congratulations should be offered to Mrs. Sims and Miss McCanless for it was through their guidance that M.B.A. was able to be represented so well.

Library Receives Vocational Books To Help Students

In answer to the Key Club's series of vocational guidance speakers, Mrs. Campbell has obtained for our library many books along this line. Several of these are: *Your Plans for the Future, Looking Ahead, How to Find The Right Vocation and Twenty Careers of Tomorrow*. All of these and other works of the same type may be checked out just as ordinary books.

Other recent additions of a more general interest have been about the outdoor sports. For all the sports engaged in at M.B.A. there are new books. These go into detail giving improved and modern methods of performing our old games. Some of these books are: *Championship Football, Winning Tennis and How to Play It, Play Ball, and How to Play Golf*.

M.B.A. Cops Kendall Cram Trophy

Corson Bests McDaniel In Two Sets for Singles Crown

On May 10 the annual City Interscholastic Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the Nashville Banner, began at 3 locations: the courts at M. B. A., Centennial Park, and Shelby Park. Players from many Nashville high schools entered.

This year the tournament was very well played in both the boys' and girls' divisions. Our own M. B. A. lettermen showed their skill from the start, and before the first of them was eliminated, the tournament was in its later stages. Captain Harry Corson of the Maroons breezed right into the finals without losing a set. His toughest match came in the semi-finals, when he defeated one of his teammates, Andy Spickard. Second-seeded Gordon Long, also of M. B. A., had little trouble himself in moving into the semi-finals, where sickness unfortunately caused him to default to Fontaine McDaniel. Fontaine then advanced to the finals to meet teammate Corson.

The M. B. A. netmen had apparently decided to make the finals exclusive theirs, as the double ducs Fontaine McDaniel-Inman Fox and Andy Spickard-Jake Wallace met. The doubles were a little harder-fought than the singles, however.

On Tuesday, May 25, the finals in all divisions were played at M. B. A., where a large crowd had gathered. Fontaine and Harry Corson took the court soon after 3:00. Harry took the 1st set 6-0, as Fontaine couldn't seem to solve his service. In the 2nd set Fontaine came back somewhat, but Corson, winner of the tourney in 1947, turning on his power to take the final set and the title.

Fontaine then teamed with Inman Fox against Spickard-Wallace. This was one of the best matches in the tournament, as Andy and Big Jake won, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

At lot of credit goes to Mr. Rule for his fine job of handling the tourney, to the Banner for its trophies and publicity, and to Mr. Luffler, Belle Meade pro, for his assistance in calling the boys' finals. If the tournament goes off next year as well next year, it will surely be a great success.

Law of Averages

Walter Noel, a member of the M.B.A. golf team, on May 17 in a match with Duncan got even with the old law of averages. While playing number 15 over at McCabe golf course, a very sporty 135 yard, par 3 hole, Walter, having figured the direction of the wind and the role on the green took his natural long sweeping swing without the least pressure. The ball left the tee with the usual burst of energy and went flying toward the object target. The ball, having landed a little short of the green, Walter began to feel that he wasn't going to beat his opponent. But as often does happen in the game of golf, the ball took an extra big bounce and settled down to a fast controlled roll on the green. As the ball slowly came to a stop it was drawing closer and closer to the pin. The time the pin prevented the ball from going into the hole. So when he felt that the ball might hit the pin, he tried to make a mad dash across the 135 yards for the green. But Bummy Werthan, realizing that Walter could never reach the

MAROONS KILL YANKS' HOPES FOR CITY CROWN

M. B. A.'s Maroons, already out of the race for first place but still trying for second in the Western Division Interscholastic League, came within half a game of the North Yanks by dropping them five to three at Thayer General Hospital on Friday afternoon, May 11. Bill Wade scattered five hits to annex the victory.

One feature of the game that was heartening was the fact that the Big Red committed only one error. If as many errors had been committed in this game as were committed in the Bellvue and Father Ryan games, the score might very well have been a different story. As it was, the lone Maroon error, the afternoon went to shortstop Jimmy Ray. The Yanks committed four errors, which may or may not have decided the game. Boyte was pounced for nine hits, but failed to walk one man.

If the Maroons win all the games remaining on the schedule, they will finish in a dead heat for second place. They seem to have a good chance.

In the second inning the Maroons garnered their first tall when Hawkins went to first when hit by a pitched ball. Ezell went down on a fielder's choice and Chickiey drove Hawkins across. Ehrhart fanned and Veach got to first but was caught off and thrown out. North pushed across a lone run in the fourth after Wade had walked two. Moore stole to third and tagged up and scored on Haynie's high fly to left. Dotson and Reasonover went down in order. In the fifth, the Red Team tallied four times on four hits. Ehrhart, Veach, Morris and Hawkins getting one each. The Yanks threatened in the

Maroons Gain Place In TSSAA Tourney By Defeating North 7-6 On Ezell's Run

Tennis Team Whips McCallie, Baylor On Chattanooga Trip

April 23, the Maroon netmen set out for Chattanooga on their first tennis trip of the season and which was to turn out very successfully. Carrying a six man squad, MBA arrived in the Lookout City in time for the afternoon match scheduled with McCallie school.

The Big Red team rolled over McCallie 7-1, with Jake Wallace losing the only match in close sets. The next morning MBA traveled to the other side of town to meet Baylor, whipping the Tigers 6-0.

Harry Corson and Gordon Long, alternating in the one and two spots, had little trouble throttling their victims, however, Long was forced into three sets before subduing Gene Branson of McCallie.

The results: -

McCallie-Singles-Harry Corson defeated Hunter Bell 6-2, 6-3; Gordon Long defeated Gene Branson 6-1, 5-7, 6-1; Andy Spickard defeated Bill Dunavant 6-2, 6-3; Fontaine McDaniel defeated Ralph Sanders 7-5, 6-4; Inman Fox defeated Victor Smith 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; Sam Fowler defeated Bransford Wallace 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles-Corson and Long defeated Bell and Dunavant 6-2, 6-3; Spickard and Wallace defeated Bledsoe and Fowler 6-2, 6-2.

Baylor-Singles-Long defeated Battle 6-2, 6-1; Corson defeated Bowman 7-5, 6-3; Spickard defeated Teas 5-7, 6-0, 6-4; McDaniel defeated Denton 6-1, 6-1; Fox defeated Neyland 6-3, 10-8; Wallace defeated Gay 6-3, 6-2.

Golf Team Concludes Year .500 Average

M.B.A.'s underrated but impressive golf team, totaling a .500 last Monday with a 17½ to ½ victory over North High. The team playing 13 contests triumphed in 6 of these and split others. Losing its opener with Ryan the team roared back with a 14 to 4 victory over Cohn, this victory was followed by successive defeats by Clarksville (14 to 4), McCallie (10 to 8) in the year's closest match, DuPont, (17

to 1), C.M.A. (14 to 4), a second victory over C.M.A. (12 to 6) at Columbia, a loss to runner-up West High (14 to 4) in what was perhaps the teams best effort as it averaged a hot 75, a loss to city champs East High (17 to 1), a heart-breaking tie with Clarksville on the foreign layout, and two final overwhelming victories over Duncan (14 to 4) and North (17½ to ½).

Thursday, May 27, Bob Veach and Bill Wade combined their pitching abilities, to earn a 7-6 triumph over North High School. This hard fought victory placed the Maroon combine in the race for the regional title, decided by the TSSAA playoff which starts Janueu 9.

Credit for the victory goes to "Speedball" Wade, who allowed 4 hits while striking out 6 of the "Yanks" batters.

Paul Boyte went all the way for North, but was handicapped by the ill-timed errors of his team mates.

North started off with a bang, tallying one run in the second, with Haynie scoring on Head's single. M.B.A. retaliated quickly scoring three times in the second and twice in the third.

In the second Wade walked, Charlie Hawkins singled and after Ezell struck out, Ehrhart walked to load the bases. Chickiey singled to left to tie the score, leaving the bases filled. Veach hit to Haynie who threw late to the plate scoring Hawkins. Jimmy Ray hit a high bouncer back to Boyte and Ehrhart beat the throw home for the third marker.

In the third Jim Morrissey walked and after one out, reached second when Haynie threw wild at second on a double play ball by Hawkins. Ezell singled to right to clutter up the paths again. Ehrhart smacked a bingle to center to score Morrissey and Hawkins.

In the fifth Ehrhart smacked a single and scored again on an error, making the score 6 to 8.

With this lead, Wade bore down and finished the ball game with a lead of one run.

North	M.B.A.
Binkley, rf	Ray, ss
Gifcomb, c	Morris, c
Moore, 3b	Morrissey, 1b
Haynie, ss	Wade, p
Reasonover, cf	Hawkins, 3b
Dotson, 1b	Ezell, 2b
Hampton, 2b	Ehrhart, cf
Head, lf	Chickiey, lf
Boyte, p	Veach, p
North	010 040 1-6
M.B.A.	032 010 1-7

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Personality Of The Month



ED NELSON

The Bell Ringer now is privileged to have as its Personality of the Month, Ed Nelson. Ed came to M. B. A. in the sixth grade, previously attending Farmer grammar school, and has progressed through his senior year.

Ed has been Vice-President of the Junior Honor Society, Senior Representative in the Key Club, and Secretary of the Literary Society. He is a member of the Honor Council, the paper staff, and the Monogram Club.

While at M. B. A. Ed has maintained quite an excellent scholastic record and has been constantly on the privilege list. In addition to his curricular work Ed is quite active in sports. He has played Microbe, Cootie, and Varsity football. He has participated in intramural basketball and is a member of the Elk's boxing team. Ed helps in nearly all the activities and projects which are undertaken by the school.

Ed's favorite subject is English; his hardest, History. His favorite sports are football and boxing, and his favorite food is roast duck.

Ed is known for his ruggedness, dependability, and good nature, but he is best known for his popularity with the other boys. May we wish you the best of luck always, and we salute you, Ed Nelson, Personality of the Month.



HARRY CORSON

One of our Personalities of the month is Harry Corson. Harry is one of the most well-rounded boys in school. He takes a great interest in all of the school's athletics, if not as an active participant, an enthusiastic on-looker. Harry has maintained excellent grades throughout his high school career.

His name has been missing from few privilege lists; and by the way, he has taken five subjects three of his four high school years.

Harry is a member of the Key Club, the Junior National Honor Society, and the newly formed Senior National Honor Society, as well as the Monogram Club.

Harry's greatest fame, though, has probably come through his tennis ability. He is recognized as one of the finest junior tennis players in the South, and he recently affirmed this recognition by winning the Vanderbilt Southern Interscholastic Invitational Tournament in which some of the outstanding junior players in the South participated. He won the freshman-sophomore tennis tournament, the junior-senior tennis tournament, and last year's City Interscholastic Tournament. Winning the city tournament again this year, Harry is the first M. B. A. boy to win it twice and the second in its history to win it a second time.

One of Harry's outstanding traits is his great desire to win or succeed. This trait plus his great abilities has made him a winner both in athletics and in the classroom. Harry's frank but friendly nature has won him many friends around school. We salute Harry Corson as the Personality of the Month and wish him continued success in his tennis, further schooling, and future life.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3.) of boys tried to get jobs in brewery also. When J. Gillam shook hands with the manager it took him half an hour to get them apart. Gillam was respected. They said he had sticky fingers. Who will miss those famous words "A word to the wise is sufficient". The wise, of course but who is.

If the future Juniors want senior privileges they had better start now trying to get them, while I don't think there is a chance of getting them at M. B. A. though, but remember, "If at first you don't succeed, don't try again." This is the attitude the faculty wishes we would take.

—The Doctor.

Junior News

Well, school is almost over and the Juniors certainly do look sad. They are going to miss school like they would miss a hole in the head. I've heard that some Juniors are looking for jobs this summer. If they are theatrically inclined they might inquire about the new play "a Head of Hair." I understand it has a good part in it.

The other day, to the astonishment of all, Ward Lovell announced that this whole year had not been wasted. Up till now Lovell had thought that bacteria was a brain disease. Now he knows that it is the back door of a cafeteria.

Predictions for the 48-49 year.

1. John Roberts will meet more than his match in Bob Parrish.

2. Mr. Sager will have too busy

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a troupe or furnish the students with sun glasses to protect them from the glare.

3. To get a new car you have to join the M.B.A. faculty.

4. This reporter will still be writing Junior News.

Senior News

As school slowly but surely draws to a close, all students and especially the seniors are coming around to the conclusion that they had rather study for two weeks now than to loaf for two months in summer school. There is still an air of mystery as to whether some of the prospective alumni are going to make the grade. But if some seniors had studied as hard all year as they are now there wouldn't be any doubt now, and no one would be worried.

Two seniors who are a perfect example of what good hard studying and a desire to get ahead will do one's average are Al Williams and Bernard Werthan. Al led the class with a 95.85 average and close on his tail with only 1/2 point difference was Bummy. I wish I could find out how many seniors in the past four years have even felt that they had earned a grade as

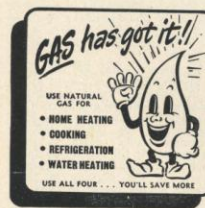
high as these. I am really stretching things for what a boy gets and what he thinks he has earned sometimes differ greatly.

I have come to one conclusion during this senior year. The way Goodloe has been kidding certain other seniors about their women is purely a desire or longing in Tommy's mind that he has never quite been able to master. Tommy has never known the feeling and he is just trying to express his ideas on the matter. It is sort of a pandemic in his mind. But Tommy has the wrong idea about the subject and if it doesn't get him in trouble now it will sooner or later. Come on, Tommy, you know better, I think.

A few days ago we had a golf match with C. M. A. One of our players made the century club. This club is most exclusive and has been attained by only a few golfers from the entire history of the M. B. A. golf team. However, Walter was the only one from the team who also got in the Belle Meade Invitational. I think this is a good sign that Walter will go on with the game and be a great golfer of the future. I hope so.

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